



## Welcome New Members!!

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford! We are so very glad you have joined this congregation at this moment in time!!

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford will be celebrating its 20th birthday this coming year. It is a dynamic multigenerational community that provides a place for liberal religion here in Mississippi.

Membership can mean many things. We hope that you will feel a sense of being valued and connected and find ways to both give to the community and receive from the community.

We hope you will find a place to further your spiritual journey and find companionship along the way!

Here are a few things for you to know as you join this congregation:

There are several ways to be involved. Sometimes it feels right to become part of a committee where you are comfortable but sometimes it is good to join a committee or team where you can be stretched and challenged. The enclosed sheet includes several different ways you can be involved that includes greeting people on Sunday morning, helping with Religious Education (RE), being part of the "Care and Share" committee and more. Please fill out the sheet and return it in the enclosed envelope to Sandra Moss, Office Administrator, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford, P.O. Box 1822, Oxford, MS, 38655. We can help you get connected to the teams you may be most interested in.

On the back of the sheet is a place for your name and address. Thank you for filling that out!

UUCO is financially supported by members and friends. While financial support is a part of being a member, we recognize that there is a wide variation in what people are able to contribute. For financial planning, it is very helpful to know what people will be able to contribute and we ask that you make a pledge for the fiscal year. There is a pledge form included in this packet. Please consider what you are able to do, complete the form and return to Sandra Moss, the Office Administrator in the return envelope. Many people make a yearly pledge that is paid monthly. The pledges range from just a few dollars to \$3500/year. The yearly budget is available on the web page at [www.uuoxford.com](http://www.uuoxford.com) under "Members and Friends" tab and then "UUCO Documents." Thank you for supporting **your** congregation!!!

On the webpage there is a members only section which is password protected. Please ask Sandra for the current password. There is a lot of valuable information for members on the web page. Check it out!

Welcome... and we look forward to our shared journey!

## **What does it mean to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford?**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford is a theologically diverse religious community with membership open to all who are in accordance with our principles, mission and vision. This coming Sunday at UUCO we will welcome new members to this congregation!!

When someone joins Unitarian Universalism it is a big YES to liberal religion and our shared values. It is a big YES to affirming the dignity and worth of each person and all of our interconnections. It is a YES that we are better together and that we need each other. It is a Yes to a vision of the world where all are valued. It is a YES that we each need this community and the community needs us.

When someone joins this congregation we ask four things:

We ask that you

—Make a commitment to be part of this dynamic, intergenerational community and find ways you can give to the community and help it to grow.

—Continue on your own path of spiritual growth and find ways to share that with others.

—Contribute financially to the congregation. We recognize that the amount people can contribute varies a lot (and can vary from year to year). For our financial planning, it is helpful if people can make a financial pledge to the congregation.

—Last but not least, sign the membership book!

Welcome to those who will be joining the congregation!